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January 14, 2022

The Honorable Samantha Power  
Administrator  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Power:

With the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) sending hundreds of millions of dollars in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, we are concerned about the possibility of U.S. taxpayer dollars funding the Taliban's terrorist regime. We urge you to take every possible step to ensure that this assistance does not flow to or through the Taliban and rigorously prevent any waste, fraud, misuse, and diversion of U.S. assistance.

The Taliban is a U.S. Specially Designated Terrorist Group (SDTG), and Americans are prohibited by law from conducting business with its members. Since the devastating Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August, the Biden administration has announced several packages of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, and the Department of the Treasury has issued General Licenses that authorize transactions with the Taliban to enable this assistance. In light of the administration's dealings with the Taliban, and knowing that the Taliban has a history of diverting and profiting from U.S. assistance to Afghanistan, we request your answers to the following questions:

- What steps are the administration taking to prevent U.S. taxpayer dollars intended to provide humanitarian relief for the people of Afghanistan from falling into the hands of the Taliban?
- Will you commit to cooperating with Congress as it conducts its Constitutionally authorized oversight into all U.S. foreign assistance to Afghanistan?
- Will you reassess and pause U.S. assistance to Afghanistan should it be determined that this money is funding the Taliban?

The American people deserve to have confidence that their tax dollars are not funding terrorist activities. Thank you for your timely response to these inquiries.

Sincerely,




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